

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent 6,292,657 issued to Laursen in view of United States Patent No. 5,706,427 issued to Tabuki, and has also rejected Claims 3, 4, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Laursen and Tabuki in view of United States Patent No. 6,092,111 issued to Sciver. Since Applicant has shown in the above discussion that the limitation of the "agents" is not disclosed, obvious, or even suggested in Laursen in view of Tabuki, and that Claims 3, 4, and 5 are dependant on, and include all limitations of Claim 1, Claims 3, 4, and 5 are also not obvious, even in light of Sciver.

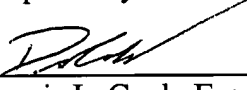
Applicant requests Examiner's reconsideration of the rejected claims given the discussion above and the fact that Laursen in view of Tabuki does not disclose each and every element of the claims. i.e. the "agents", or even suggest use of such an element.

Amended claims 1-5 now appear in the application. Reconsideration of the application and the patentable merits of the subject matter covered by these claims is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that amended claims 1-5 are allowable and respectfully requests early favorable action by the Examiner.

If the Examiner believes a telephonic interview with Applicant's representative would aid in the prosecution of this application, he is cordially invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below listed number.

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